

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** home fires continue to threaten the lives of South Carolinians, and educating residents about fire safety can help reduce the number of fire-related injuries and deaths; and

**WHEREAS,** underestimating the power of fire and the time it takes to escape a home fire put people at risk to fire death and injury; and

**WHEREAS,** residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**WHEREAS,** a complete home escape plan includes everyone in the household knowing at least two ways out of each room, having an outdoor location where everyone will meet upon exiting the home, and knowing how to contact the fire department from outside the home; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2007 Fire Prevention Week theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week - Practice Your Escape Plan!" serves as a reminder of the simple actions we can take to help prevent fire injuries and deaths during Fire Prevention Week and throughout the year.

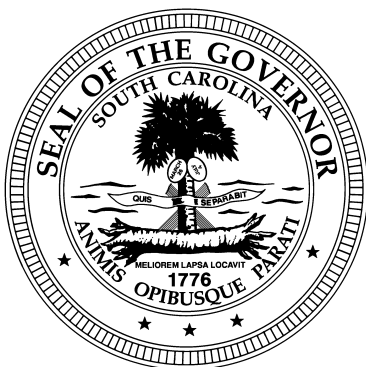
**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as

### FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

and October 7 - 13, 2007, as

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to practice fire drills in their home to ensure their safe escape in the event of a fire.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**